

REPORTS
OF THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY TREASURER
AND OTHER OFFICERS OF
STRAFFORD COUNTY

1953

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

REPORTS
OF THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY TREASURER
AND OTHER OFFICERS OF
STRAFFORD COUNTY

1953

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

Somersworth Free Press, Inc., Printers

N
352.0742
S89
1953

INDEX

	Page
County Officers	3
Strafford County Delegation	4
Budget for 1953	20
Commissioners' Report	22
Financial Report	26
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures	27
Receipts	29
Resume of Expenditures	30
1953 Strafford County Expenditures	31
1953 Strafford County Receipts	39
Payments	43
Detail of Payments	45
Treasurer's Report	49
County Auditor's Report	49
Strafford County Apportionment of County Tax, 1953	51
Strafford County Home Report	52
Income at County Home—1953	54
County Home Expenditures—1953	55
Strafford County Farm Inventory	57
Strafford County Farm Vegetables—1953	59
Prisoners Admitted to Strafford County Jail, 1953	60
Inmates at Strafford County Home During Year 1953	64
Boarders from Cities and Towns During Year 1953	66
Report of Clerk	68
Report of County Solicitor	71
Report of Sheriff	80
Report of Catholic Chaplain	84
Report of Protestant Chaplain	85
Report of Physician	86
Cooperative Extension Service Strafford County for 1953	88
Report of Home Demonstration Agent	89
Report of County Forester	94

COUNTY OFFICERS**COMMISSIONERS**

Lucien G. Paradis, Chairman	Rochester
Carroll E. Hall, Clerk	Dover
George A. Young	Rochester

SOLICITOR

John M. Brant	Barrington
---------------	------------

SHERIFF

Wilfred J. Pare	Somersworth
-----------------	-------------

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Richard H. Keefe	Dover
------------------	-------

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

Leonard C. Hardwick	Rochester
---------------------	-----------

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Ethel G. Waldron	Dover
------------------	-------

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Anna M. Dube	Rollinsford
--------------	-------------

TREASURER

Leo Cormier	Rochester
-------------	-----------

MEDICAL REFEREE

George G. McGregor, M. D.	Durham
---------------------------	--------

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME
AND JAIL**

John Lepene	Farmington
-------------	------------

MATRON

Hattie Lepene	Farmington
---------------	------------

CHAPLAINS

Rev. Gerard Noel	Dover
Rev. Robert T. Wessel	Somersworth

PHYSICIAN

John L. Hartigan, M. D.	Rochester
-------------------------	-----------

AUDITORS

Gilman H. Twombly	Dover
Raymond V. Jones, Jr.	East Rochester

STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION 1953

Roy V. Swain	Barrington
Raymond H. Chase, Chairman	Ward 1 Dover
Thomas H. Keenan	Ward 1 Dover
Max W. Leighton	Ward 1 Dover
Frank J. Grimes	Ward 2 Dover
Joseph Marcotte, Jr.	Ward 2 Dover
Carroll E. Fellows	Ward 3 Dover
Charles W. Webb	Ward 3 Dover
William H. Connell	Ward 4 Dover
Harley A. Crandall	Ward 4 Dover
Charles H. Locke	Ward 4 Dover
Emmet J. Flanagan	Ward 5 Dover
Helen C. Funkhouser	Durham
Albert D. Littlehale	Durham
William M. Stearns, Vice-Chairman	Durham
Carl C. Blanchard	Farmington
Ned L. Parker	Farmington
Lee	Not Entitled
Leeman B. Wormhood	Madbury
Middleton	Not Entitled
John E. Horne*	Milton
William H. Nehring	New Durham
Ernest L. Rolfe	Ward 1 Rochester
Fred Maxfield	Ward 2 Rochester
Albert Nelson	Ward 2 Rochester
Edgar J. Carignan	Ward 3 Rochester
Alphonse Lacasse	Ward 4 Rochester
Angeline St. Pierre, Clerk	Ward 4 Rochester
Norma M. Studley	Ward 5 Rochester
Arnold T. Clement	Ward 6 Rochester
Llewellyn F. Fernald	Ward 6 Rochester
Fred L. Green	Rollinsford

* Deceased

Placide J. Lagueux	Ward 1 Somersworth
Edward G. Letourneau	Ward 2 Somersworth
Victor Charpentier	Ward 3 Somersworth
John F. Beamis	Ward 4 Somersworth
James F. Malley	Ward 5 Somersworth
Albert H. Brown	Strafford

Delegates to the County Convention

Frank I. Caldwell	Lee
Edward Burbank	Middleton

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR
THE YEAR 1953

PUBLIC HEARING, PROPOSED BUDGET FOR '53

February 2, 1953, 7:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Chairman, Raymond V. Chase.

The following members of the delegation answered the roll call: Swain, Chase, Leighton, Fellows, Webb, Connell, Crandall, Locke, Littlehale, Maxfield, Nelson, Fernald and Green. Also present were the three County Commissioners, several county officers, representatives from the press and approximately 11 other citizens.

Each item in the budget was considered and the following additional requests were considered also: An additional \$720 for the County Solicitor to be used for secretarial hire; \$300 for the Register of Probate for rebinding 12 books at a cost of \$25 per book; a two-way radio and monitor set (estimated cost of \$2,246) for the Sheriff's department along with the construction of a partition in his present office making it possible for him to have a private office for interviewing also a detention cell to keep prisoners while awaiting arraignment during term of court. The proposed cell is to be located off the boiler room. (The estimated cost for the last two items is \$500.) An additional \$1,000 requested by the Clerk of Court to take care of necessary changes in the rooms occupied by the judge, jury and attorneys and the replacing of various lighting fixtures.

Mr. Walter Keays of Dover questioned the budget in general as to its being itemized in more detail. Mr. Chase informed Mr. Keays that the present budget was set up in accordance with the form used in previous years. However, it is the consensus of opinion that future budgets should be broken down in more detail and the Commissioners are taking steps to see that this is done in the future.

Mr. Walter Keays questioned the increase in Care and Supplies for the Court House. Mr. Paradis, Chairman of the County Commissioners stated that the increase was due mainly to the increased cost of supplies and the anticipated installation of a hot water heater for the Photostat room.

Mr. Walter Keays questioned the increase in the County Farm appropriation. Comm. Paradis explained the new program which the County started at the Farm to take care of the infirm and convalescents. (This program includes Alien Old Age Assistance, Totally and Permanently Disabled and Old Age Assistance). This necessitated the hiring of two additional nurses. However, Commissioner Paradis pointed out that this new program will bring in \$10,000. (approx.) in revenue to the County. The increase in the County Farm appropriation would also take care of a \$50 per month increase for the Superintendent. Mr. Keays recommended the cancellation of the anticipated increase.

Mr. Keays requested that the \$5,000 listed for Outlay for New Construction be broken down. Commissioner Paradis gave an itemized listing of things to be taken care of with this appropriation. His listing was as follows: Resurfacing of the drive-

way at the County Home; buildings to be painted at the County Home; parking lot at the Court House; repair to silo and roof at County Home; a new hay harvester and heating unit for the piggery which will do away with piping.

Mr. Walter Keays questioned the estimated revenue for the County Home over last year. Commissioner Paradis stated that part of the estimated revenue is on the new Old Age Assistance program previously mentioned.

There being no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Acting Clerk

BUDGET MEETING

Jan. 30, 1953
February 16, 1953

A meeting of the Strafford County Delegation, County Officers and invited guests for consideration of the proposed budget for Strafford County for the year 1953 was called to order at 2:10 p. m. by Raymond Chase, Chairman. A turkey-lobster dinner preceded the meeting.

Lucien G. Paradis, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners was called on to give a general resume of the budget. Commencing with the items listed under General Government, the salaries of the Commissioners was considered and Chairman Chase advised the group of the pending bill in the legislature for a proposed increase in pay. A request was made by County Solicitor, John M. Brant for \$720 to cover the hire of secretarial assistance. This request will be given due consideration when the budget is finally considered. The Register of Deeds advised the group that in accordance with a motion made by the Delegation in 1952 she used what money she was able to save from her last year's appropriation to cover books. She advised the group that there are about 130 more books to be slip-covered. Mrs. Waldron, Register of Probate, advised the group that in addition to the \$2,000 requested for her department, she was asking for \$300 to have 12 old books rebound. The cost for rebinding the books is about \$25 per book.

Sheriff Pare requested a special appropriation for the purpose of buying a two-way radio and monitor set. (This will be the same wave length as Rockingham). He is also requested that this appropriation include the construction of a partition in his present office thereby making it possible for him to have a private office. A detention cell, possibly located in the vicinity of the boiler room, was requested. The purpose of the detention cell is to keep prisoners while awaiting arraignment during term of Court. The estimated cost of the radio and monitor set is \$2,246 while the other two items were estimated at a cost of \$500. Rep. Fernald suggest-

ed that Sheriff Pare gather some information on the possibility of an F. C. C. permit.

Chairman Paradis gave an itemized breakdown of Care and Supplies of Court House. He advised the delegation that the requested increase for the year 1953 covering this item was to take care of proposed installation of hot water throughout the court house.

Clerk of Court, Richard H. Keefe, was unable to be present due to the term of court now in session. He requested an additional \$1,000 be added to the requested \$35,000. He called attention to the present term of court now in session (continuation of the Sept. term). There are also bills in the legislature covering possible increases in pay for jurists and justices. There are also necessary changes to be made in the present quarters of the judge, jury and attorneys' rooms.

Items under Public Welfare were considered next. In discussing the amount requested for the County Farm (\$100,000), Lucien Paradis mentioned that the increase was to take care of the hire of two additional nurses who have recently been hired for the new program at the farm. It is possible that \$10,000 will be brought into the county by the new program on Old Age Assistance, Totally and Permanently Disabled and Alien Old Age Assistance. The increase under Old Age Assistance is to take care of the new cases eligible for this aid. The increases in the items listed under Public Welfare were mainly to take care of a large number of transfers to the county which are anticipated this year. The possibility of operating the farm on a

paying-basis was discussed and suggestions for additional personnel such as a boss farmer were considered.

The \$5,000 requested for Outlay for New Construction covers repairs to the silo, painting the various buildings at the farm, purchase of a new hay harvester, installation of a new heating unit for the piggery, resurfacing the farm roadway and fixing leaks in the roof of the county home. The proposed project to use part of the lawn at the court house for additional parking area is also included in the appropriation.

A report made by an engineering concern on the heating system of the farm was read in part to the delegation. The report calls for the doing away of the present coal-fed boilers and the installation of automatic oil heaters. It was estimated that \$3,000 could be saved annually on fuel. Chairman Paradis said the cost of necessary equipment would run about \$8,000 (this does not include labor costs). This possibly would necessitate the financing of a bond issue.

Dan Adams, County Agent, requested that the \$14,500 estimated appropriation for his department be changed to \$14,011. He explained that the Commissioners listed this amount as a rough estimate as they were not able to contact him personally before the budgets were mimeographed.

The delegation was informed that about \$300 was saved by the County Treasurer in letting out money. This was made known when the interest on temporary loans and bonds was discussed.

A motion was made by Chairman Chase that a vote of thanks be tendered to Supt. and Mrs. Lepene for the fine dinner served to the group.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p. m. with the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday evening, February 2 at 7:30 in the evening at the Strafford County Court House.

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk

The following members of the Delegation were present: Swain, Chase, Leighton, Grimes, Marcotte, Fellows, Webb, Connell, Crandall, Locke, Funkhouser, Littlehale, Stearns, Wormhood, Horne, Nehring, Rolfe, Maxfield, Nelson, Carignan, Lacasse, St. Pierre, Studley, Fernald, Green, Lagueux, Letourneau, Malley, Brown, and Caldwell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 1953

Members of the Executive Committee met at the County Commissioners' office at 1:30 p. m. and later went to the County Home where the Commissioners and Executive Committee made an inspection of the County Home to check on the necessary repairs to be made at the Home.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Raymond H. Chase, Dover, Harley A. Crandall, Dover, Emmet J. Flanagan, Dover, Edward G. Letourneau of Somersworth and Albert H. Brown of Strafford.

The three months' budget for 1953 was considered and the following motion was made by Mr. Brown: Mr. Brown made the motion that we accept the three months' budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Crandall. Passed.

The resurfacing of the driveway around the County Home buildings, repairing of the roof and silo were considered. As agreed before, these items will be paid for out of the \$3,000 allocated for Outlay for New Construction in the budget.

It was recommended the Commissioners check with the Insurance Committee as to extended coverage on the County insurance.

A recommendation was made that the Commissioners obtain bids on two pumps for the County Home. One pump is for drinking water and the other will pump the water from the river to the fire reservoir. These prices will include installation etc. This matter will be brought before the delegation when the bids have been received.

Mr. Brown made the motion that the Commissioners be authorized to purchase a bull. It is understood that the old one will be disposed of. Motion seconded by Mr. Crandall. Motion passed.

In considering the operation of the County Home, Mr. Brown made the following motion: It

is the consensus of opinion that the Commissioners proceed to employ a Boss Farmer as soon as possible. Motion seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Passed.

The Commissioners are to obtain figures for repairing the roof at the Court House, the partition in the Sheriff's office, detention cell and the necessary work in the court room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Acting Clerk

DELEGATION MEETING

July 13, 1953

A meeting of the Strafford County Delegation with the three County Commissioners was called to order today at 2:10 p. m. by Raymond H. Chase, Chairman.

The following members were present: Swain, Chase, Keenan, Marcotte, Connell, Flanagan, Funkhouser, Littlehale, Stearns, Nelson, Carignan, Clement, Green, Lagueux, Letourneau, Brown and Caldwell.

John Lepene, Supt. of the County Home was also present.

The six months' budget for 1953 was considered and the following motion was made:

That the six months' budget for 1953 be accepted. Motion made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Swain. Motion passed.

Two pumps for the County Farm were considered. One pump is for pumping drinking water; the other for pumping water from the river to the fire reservoir. Various prices had been obtained by the Commissioners in accordance with instructions of the Executive Committee on May 18.

The following motion was made:

That the Commissioners be authorized to spend up to \$1,650 for pumps plus piping from the pump house to the reservoir. Motion made by Mr. Stearns and seconded by Mr. Carignan. Passed.

Repairs to the exterior of the Court House were discussed. A letter received from Willis Littlefield, local architect, along with a listing of corrections and repairs obtained from and compiled by the Western Waterproofing Company were read. Their price for doing this work was \$11,432. It was agreed to table such masonry work until the first of next year. Following a lengthy discussion, the following motions were made:

We allow the Commissioners to expend up to \$3,000 on necessary repairs and rebuilding to the

roof, gutters and downspouts according to the specifications of Mr. Littlefield. Motion made by Mr. Connell and seconded by Mr. Keenan. Passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan that the Commissioners be authorized to draw up new specifications—state exactly what will be done; such as, new gutters, downspouts and valleys. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Flanagan made the following motion: That the Commissioners submit bids on temporary repairs to the exterior of the building—specifying the arches and window sashes. Seconded by Mr. Littlehale. Passed.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion that it be recommended that the Commissioners purchase a new typewriter for the office of the Register of Probate. Seconded by Mr. Littlehale. Passed.

Mr. Green moved that the Delegation congratulate Mr. Lagueux and the City of Somersworth on their selection of a Mayor. Seconded by several. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 1953, 1:30 p. m.

Meeting of the Executive Committee with the three County Commissioners was called to order on this day at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman, Raymond H. Chase. The following members were present: Letourneau and Crandall. Absent were Brown and Flanagan. Also present was Mr. John Lepene, Supt. of the County Home.

The resignation of Mr. Fernald as a member of the Executive Committee was accepted with regrets.

The budget for nine months was considered and reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Crandall that the nine months budget be accepted was seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Passed.

The status of the Contingent Fund to date was considered. Both the Commissioners and Mr. Lepene reported on the progress of the projects authorized under this Fund as well as expenditures covering same. The following motion made by Mr. Crandall was seconded by Mr. Letourneau:

In accordance with the authority which the Executive Committee has, the Commissioners are authorized to take \$220 from the Contingent Fund—\$110 to pay for tank on pump to be installed at the County Home and the remaining \$110 to reimburse County Home for tank on pump already installed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 7, 1953

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order on this day at 1:00 p. m. by Chairman, Raymond H. Chase.

The following members were present: Crandall, Studley, Letourneau, St. Pierre and Brown. Also present were the three County Commissioners and Mr. Lepene, Supt. of the Strafford County Home.

The meeting was called regarding the emergency replacement of piping for the drinking water at the County Home (from the system to the pump). About \$1,171 was estimated for the job.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crandall:

The Executive Committee recommends that the expenditure for the replacement of piping from

the system to the pump (drinking water) be taken from the Contingent Fund. Amount not to exceed \$1,200. Committee feels this is an emergency replacement. Motion seconded by Mrs. Studley. Passed unanimously.

A letter pertaining to this motion will be sent to the members of the delegation requesting their vote in the matter inasmuch as the appropriation is over \$500.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:10 by Mr. Crandall.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1953

General Government

Salaries

Commissioners	\$ 3,600.00
Treasurer	400.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,800.00
Medical Referee	800.00
Sheriff	1,000.00

Expenses of

Above officers	5,600.00
Register of Deeds	1,600.00
Register of Probate	2,300.00
Photostat	1,200.00
Care and supplies for Court House	7,500.00
Superior Court	30,000.00
County Farm	89,000.00
Support of poor off Farm	22,000.00
Old age assistance	11,000.00
Board and care of children	37,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00
Welfare Administration expense	6,200.00

Interest

On temporary loans	2,200.00
On bonds	650.00

Outlay for

Repairs at County Farm	3,000.00
Sheriff's office and cells	500.00
Repairs to Court Rooms	1,000.00
Contingent Fund	12,500.00

Indebtedness

Bonds	7,000.00
County Reports	300.00

Tax anticipation notes expense	125.00
Delegation expenses	400.00
County Extension Service	14,011.00
Insurance	4,200.00
Employees Retirement	700.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

\$ 272,886.00

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

1953

As required by Statute, the Board of Strafford County Commissioners herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1953, along with the reports of the Treasurer, Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Sheriff, Superintendent of County Farm, Jailer, Auditors, Physician, Chaplains and County Extension Service.

At the close of 1953 we had a balance of \$23,582.21. This cash surplus is returned to the tax payers. In other words, it is used to reduce the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the next year.

In view of the fact that our budget was severely cut, we were fortunate to keep below. However, two items went over their appropriations; namely, Superior Court (we have no control over this) which exceeded its budget about \$10,000, and the County Home whose appropriation was cut the most. The increase in Old Age Assistance appropriation includes Alien Old Age Assistance and the Total and Permanent Disabled. The new program which was started at the County Home the latter part of 1952 increased the cost but it has helped us with our County Home revenue.

The income at the County Home along with revenue that our Welfare Worker was able to collect from Board and Care of Children and Relief

was very high compared to the revenue which had been estimated.

Welfare showed a decrease the first of the year, but at the end of the year there was an increase.

During the course of the year it was necessary to purchase two new pumps at the County Home. One pump was for drinking water and the other for pumping water from the river to the fire reservoir. This latter pump fills our 40,000-gallon reservoir for fire protection and farm use. At the same time, the four-inch pipeline from the cistern to the pump had to be replaced with 420 feet of wrought iron pipe. We also replaced 800 feet of pipe from the river to the reservoir.

Our insurance company informed us that our old boilers had been condemned. These boilers have been in use for more than 40 years. As the length of usefulness, as far as the insurance company is concerned is 17 years, we were fortunate that the boilers lasted as long as they did. We hope to take care of this matter in the coming year.

A complete report of the County Home is given in the Superintendent's report.

At the Court House we have installed hot water to take care of phosotating and other uses. Under the recommendation of architect, Willis Littlefield, we had the roof and gutters repaired and installed new downspouts. Two detention cells were set up in the basement of the Court House to

take care of prisoners while awaiting arraignment in Court.

Money for the pumps at the County Home along with the repairs to the County Court House roof was taken from the Contingent Fund which was set up at \$12,500, and there is an unexpended balance of \$8,512.69.

We hope to repair the brick work of the old part of the Court House. There has also been thought of an additional parking lot which is greatly needed during Court time.

The County Commissioners feel that the County is fortunate in having a staff of employees who keep the affairs of the County operating in such an efficient manner.

We express the hope that more people visit the County Home. All citizens should make an effort to visit at least once each year.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Delegation, the various County, Town and City officials and the State Welfare Department for their service in helping to carry out the work of the County. Also, to our County Home Supt. and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Lepene, our fine staff of nurses and our County Home doctor, Dr. Hartigan, we express our appreciation.

To all clubs, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the welfare and happiness of the inmates at the Home, we are grateful.

In conclusion we would like to thank our County physicians and the members of the Probation Department for their fine cooperation and assistance received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIEN G. PARADIS, Chairman
GEORGE A. YOUNG,
CARROLL E. HALL, Clerk

Strafford County Commissioners

FINANCIAL REPORT**1953****ASSETS**

Cash on hand	\$ 23,582.21
Excess of liabilities over assets, bonds	44,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 67,582.21

LIABILITIES

Bonds outstanding	
Court House Addition Bonds	\$ 30,000.00
County Home Kitchen Bonds	14,000.00
	<hr/>
	44,000.00
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	23,582.21
	<hr/>
	\$ 67,582.21

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	
Court House	\$ 144,000.00
Jail	22,583.00
County Farm	105,447.00
Furniture and equipment	
Court House	21,000.00
Jail	2,552.00
County Farm	60,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 355,582.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF 1953 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft	Receipts
Salaries of Officers	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00			
Medical Referee	800.00	1,043.20		\$ 243.20	
Expenses of Officers	5,600.00	5,381.07	\$ 218.93		
Register of Deeds	1,600.00	1,581.36	18.64		\$ 9.44
Register of Probate	2,300.00	1,979.05	320.95		57.66
Photostat	1,200.00	1,797.91		597.91	201.14
Care and Supplies for Court House	7,500.00	7,137.86	362.14		
Superior Court	30,000.00	39,253.53		9,253.53	
County Farm	89,000.00	96,979.83		7,979.83	43,289.27
Support of Poor off Farm	22,000.00	17,061.60	4,938.40		1,329.78
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	8,314.54	2,685.46		338.81
Board and Care of Children	37,000.00	35,623.76	1,376.24		9,529.74
Aid to Soldiers' Families	5,000.00	2,604.48	2,395.52		15.00
Welfare Adm. Expenses	6,200.00	6,143.91	56.09		
Interest:					
On Temporary Loans	2,200.00	2,569.54		369.54	
On Bonds	650.00	637.50	12.50		

New Construction:

County Farm repairs	3,000.00				
Sheriff's office and cells	500.00		316.00	184.00	
Contingent Fund	12,500.00		3,987.31	8,512.69	
Repairs to Ct. Rooms	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Bonds	7,000.00		7,000.00		
County Reports	300.00		285.00	15.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	125.00		114.04	10.96	
Delegation Expenses	400.00		333.20	66.80	
County Extension Service	14,011.00		14,011.00		
Insurance	4,200.00		4,034.91	165.09	97.60
Employees Retirement	700.00		692.06	7.94	
Miscellaneous	100.00		6.00	94.00	
Interest on Treasury Bills purchased					625.42
	\$272,886.00	\$268,888.66	\$ 22,441.35	\$18,444.01	\$55,493.86

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

Income from Institutions:	
County Farm	\$ 43,289.27
Interest on funds invested	625.42
Reimbursement of expenditures for	
Support of poor off Farm	
Direct Relief	1,329.78
Board and care of children	9,529.74
Soldiers' Aid	15.00
Old age assistance	338.81
All other receipts	
Photostat work	201.14
Insurance refund	97.60
Register of Deeds (phone calls)	9.44
Register of Probate, (refund on assistant's salary)	57.66
<hr/>	
Total revenue from all sources except taxation	\$ 55,493.86
Temporary loans during the year	260,000.00
Taxes from cities and towns	209,731.55
<hr/>	
	\$ 525,225.41
Cash on hand at beginning of year	27,354.45
<hr/>	
	\$ 552,579.86

RESUME OF EXPENDITURES

County Farm	\$ 96,979.83
County Farm, special appropriation	3,000.00
Direct Relief	17,061.60
Soldiers' Aid	2,604.48
Board and care of children	35,623.76
Old Age assistance	8,314.54
Welfare administration	
Salaries of case worker and stenographer	5,488.91
Travel expense etc. (case worker)	655.00
Medical Referees	1,043.20
County officers salaries	7,000.00
County officers expenses	5,381.07
Care and supplies for Court House	7,137.86
Superior Court	39,253.53
Register of Deeds	1,581.36
Register of Probate	1,979.05
Sheriff's Dept. special appropriation	316.00
Sheriff's Dept. from 1952 surplus	108.99
Contingent Fund	3,987.31
Notes	260,000.00
Bonds	7,000.00
Interest on temporary loans	2,569.54
Interest on bonds	637.50
County Extension Service	14,011.00
Insurance	4,034.91
Photostat	1,797.91
County Reports	285.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	114.04
Retirement	692.06
Delegation expenses	333.20
All other payments	7,957.69
Total	<hr/> \$ 536,949.34

1953 STRAFFORD COUNTY EXPENDITURES

January

County home	\$	8,901.56
Direct Relief		1,586.01
Soldiers' Aid		208.18
Board and care of children		2,723.83
Old age assistance		390.50
Old age assistance, alien		116.00
Welfare administration salaries		460.91
Welfare administration expenses		55.00
Medical Referee		186.00
County officers salaries		583.33
County officers expenses		951.54
Care and supplies for Court House		777.42
Superior Court		2,928.35
Register of Deeds		22.05
Register of probate		289.36
Insurance		526.13
All other payments		82.05
Total	\$	20,788.22

February

County Home	\$	7,854.32
Direct relief		1,647.02
Soldiers' Aid		206.34
Board and care of children		2,904.40
Old age assistance		419.50
Old aid assistance alien		116.00
Aid to disabled persons		33.26
Welfare administration salaries		419.00
Welfare administration expenses		50.00
Medical Referees		413.00
County Officers salaries		533.33

County Officers expenses	253.63
Care and supplies for Court House	800.11
Superior Court	3,181.71
Register of Deeds	44.23
Register of Probate	56.14
Indebtedness	
Interest on Court House Bonds	218.75
County Extension Service	1,222.00
Insurance	1,242.60
Photostat	304.90
All other payments	630.99
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 22,551.23

March

County Home	\$ 8,832.37
Direct relief	2,036.67
Soldiers' Aid	195.65
Board and care of children	3,335.20
Old age assistance (2 months)	862.13
Old age assistance alien (2 months)	311.00
Aid to disabled persons	32.29
Welfare Administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	31.00
County Officers salaries	633.33
County Officers expenses	445.03
Care and supplies for Court House	610.99
Superior Court	4,051.44
Register of Deeds	30.55
Register of Probate	179.10
Indebtedness	
Interest on County Home Bonds	100.00
County Extension Service	1,117.00
Photostat	200.66

Delegation expense (12/30/52)	20.40
All other payments	653.43
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 24,147.24

April

County Home	\$ 8,453.31
Direct Relief	1,665.50
Soldiers' Aid	138.60
Board and care of children	3,498.68
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
County Officers salaries	583.33
County Officers expenses	483.74
Care and supplies for Court House	518.92
Superior Court	4,554.20
Register of Deeds	69.65
Register of Probate	298.57
Indebtedness	
Interest on temporary loan (2/10-4/8)	
(\$30,000.00)	96.66
County Extension Service	1,118.00
Photostat	303.76
County Reports	285.00
All other payments	641.03
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 23,177.95

May

County Home	\$ 6,507.63
Direct Relief	1,201.08
Soldiers' Aid	276.60
Board and care of children	3,205.67
Old age assistance	407.13
Old age assistance alien	114.25

Aid to disabled	14.70
Welfare administration salaries	523.75
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	39.30
County Officers salaries	533.33
County Officers expenses	317.40
Care and supplies for Court House	574.29
Superior Court	1,445.05
Register of Deeds	91.15
Register of Probate	162.36
Indebtedness	
Principal	50,000.00
Interest	2,472.88
County Extension Service	1,118.00
Insurance	2,009.80
Special appropriation Sheriff's dept.	250.00
All other payments	619.33
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 71,946.20

June

County Home	\$ 7,469.31
County Home special appropriation	485.00
Direct Relief	1,502.03
Soldiers' Aid	119.97
Board and care of children	3,142.34
Old age assistance	482.44
Old age assistance alien	115.50
Aid to disabled persons	16.63
Welfare administration salaries	460.37
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	41.00
County Officers salaries	633.35
County Officers expenses	349.84
Care and supplies for Court House	417.07

Superior Court	1,770.86
Register of Deeds	22.60
Register of Probate	136.65
County Extension Service	1,118.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	114.04
Retirement, County's share	347.65
Photostat	303.76
Insurance	91.00
All other payments	687.18
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 19,876.59

July

County Home	\$ 8,982.98
Direct Relief	1,058.80
Soldiers' Aid	186.93
Board and care of children	2,796.95
Old age assistance	475.30
Old age assistance alien	118.00
Aid to disabled persons	21.88
Welfare administration salaries	482.38
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	44.00
County Officers salaries	583.33
County Officers expenses	705.19
Care and supplies for Court House	567.25
Superior Court	2,913.22
Register of Deeds	861.31
Register of Probate	158.08
County Extension Service	1,118.00
Insurance	165.38
All other payments	711.43
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 22,012.91

August

County Home	\$	7,007.78
County Home special appropriation		2,460.40
Direct Relief		1,038.08
Soldiers' Aid		449.96
Board and care of children		2,361.66
Old age assistance		398.44
Old age assistance alien		118.00
Aid to disabled		46.38
Welfare administration salaries		419.00
Welfare administration expenses		50.00
Medical Referee		18.00
County Officers salaries		533.33
County Officers expenses		242.39
Care and supplies for Court House		599.13
Superior Court		868.53
Register of Deeds		151.36
Register of Probate		76.61
Indebtedness		
Principal		5,000.00
Interest		218.75
County Extension Service		1,200.00
Photostat		352.01
Sheriff's office (from 1952 surplus)		
Sirene, flasher, handcuffs		108.99
All other payments		711.20
Total	\$	24,430.00

September

County Home	\$	7,604.05
County Home special appropriation		45.61
Direct Relief		1,196.71
Soldiers' Aid		307.49

Board and care of children	2,617.19
Old age assistance (2 months)	962.05
Old age assistance alien (2 months)	655.00
Aid to disabled (2 months)	92.76
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referees	186.00
County Officers salaries	633.33
County Officers expenses	224.13
Care and supplies for Court House	432.71
Superior Court	5,931.12
Register of Deeds	34.91
Register of Probate	83.29
Indebtedness	
Principal	2,000.00
Interest	100.00
County Extension Service	1,200.00
Contingent fund	125.00
Special appropriation Sheriff's dept.	66.00
All other payments	645.98
Total	\$ 25,612.33

October

County Home	\$ 10,704.02
County Home special appropriation, balance	8.99
Direct Relief	1,727.41
Soldiers' Aid	177.39
Board and care of children	2,971.56
Old age assistance	415.50
Old age assistance alien	252.50
Aid to disabled	25.38
Welfare administration salaries	523.75

Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	39.30
County Officers salaries	583.33
County Officers expenses	688.16
Care and supplies for Court House	672.29
Superior Court	4,043.24
Register of Deeds	16.35
Register of Probate	89.80
Contingent fund	1,870.21
County Extension Service	1,200.00
Photostat	6.30
All other payments	646.35
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 26,724.33

November

County Home	\$ 8,643.32
Direct Relief	1,148.00
Aid to soldiers families	96.14
Board and care of children	3,083.74
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	15.00
County Officers salaries	533.33
County Officers expenses	401.86
Care and supplies for Court House	422.64
Superior Court	6,228.42
Register of Deeds	19.65
Register of Probate	109.74
County Extension Service	1,200.00
Photostat	173.57
All other payments	696.88
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 23,241.29

December

County Home	\$ 6,019.18
Direct Relief	1,254.29
Soldiers' Aid	241.23
Board and care of children	2,982.54
Old age assistance (2 months)	641.51
Old age assistance alien (2 months)	538.00
Aid to disabled	122.51
Welfare administration salaries	523.75
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	30.60
County Officers salaries	633.35
County Officers expenses	318.16
Care and supplies for Court House	745.04
Superior Court	1,337.39
Register of Deeds	217.55
Register of Probate	339.35
Contingent fund	1,992.10
Indebtedness, Note—Tax anticipa- tion	210,000.00
County Extension Service	2,400.00
Photostat	152.95
Retirement, County's share	344.41
Delegation expenses	312.80
All other payments	1,231.84
Total	\$ 232,441.05

1953 STRAFFORD COUNTY RECEIPTS

January

County Home	\$ 3,712.53
Board and care of children	489.84

Direct Relief	3.00
Old age assistance	5.01
Photostat work	18.45
Hospital service	28.50
	<hr/>
	\$ 4,257.33

February

County Home	\$ 3,387.00
Board and care of children	587.84
Direct relief	69.40
Temporary loan	30,000.00
Photostat work	21.06
Hospital service	31.90
	<hr/>
	\$ 34,097.20

March

Direct relief	\$ 348.95
County Home	3,564.72
Board and care of children	751.04
Hospital service	31.90
Photostat work	19.88
Soldiers' Aid	5.00
Phone calls, Register of Deed's office	9.44
	<hr/>
	\$ 4,730.93

April

County Home	\$ 3,958.74
Board and care of children	795.64
Direct relief	45.00
Old age assistance	15.00

Photostat work	28.55
Hospital service	31.80
Temporary loan	20,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 24,874.73

May

County Home	\$ 3,413.58
Board and care of children	890.94
Direct relief	93.00
Old age assistance	1.10
Photostat work	16.00
Hospital service	35.10
Tax anticipation loan	210,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 214,449.72

June

County Home	\$ 2,711.58
Board and care of children	966.94
Direct relief	173.55
Photostat work	10.25
Hospital service	38.40
	<hr/>
	\$ 3,900.72

July

County Home	\$ 4,201.75
Board and care of children	843.14
Direct relief	55.00
Photostat work	7.45
Hospital service	35.10
Old age assistance	317.70
Insurance dividend	67.28

Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	53.39
	<hr/>
	\$ 5,580.81

August

Reimbursement from Register of	
Probate on assistant's salary	\$ 57.66
County Home	3,517.04
Board and care of children	750.94
Direct relief	102.00
Photostat work	13.85
Hospital service	35.10
Insurance rebate	30.32
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	127.83
	<hr/>
	\$ 4,634.74

September

County Home	\$ 3,401.19
Board and care of children	755.63
Direct relief	100.70
Photostat work	14.80
Hospital service	35.10
Soldiers' Aid	10.00
Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	234.80
	<hr/>
	\$ 4,552.22

October

County Home	\$ 3,604.56
Board and care of children	805.59
Direct relief	95.99
Photostat work	12.50
Hospital service	35.10

Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	101.40
----------------------------------	--------

\$	4,655.14
----	----------

November

County Home	\$ 4,408.24
-------------	-------------

Board and care of children	949.56
----------------------------	--------

Direct relief	161.00
---------------	--------

Photostat work	14.15
----------------	-------

Hospital service	36.40
------------------	-------

Interest on U. S. Treasury bills	108.00
----------------------------------	--------

County taxes	2,137.16
--------------	----------

\$	7,814.51
----	----------

December

County Home	\$ 3,408.34
-------------	-------------

Board and care of children	942.64
----------------------------	--------

Direct relief	82.19
---------------	-------

Photostat work	24.20
----------------	-------

Hospital service	43.20
------------------	-------

County taxes	207,594.39
--------------	------------

\$	212,094.96
----	------------

1953 PAYMENTS

General Government

Salaries of

Commissioners	\$ 3,600.00
---------------	-------------

Treasurer	400.00
-----------	--------

Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,800.00
Medical Referee	1,043.20
Sheriff	1,000.00

Expenses of

Above Officers	5,381.07
Register of Deeds	1,581.36
Register of Probate	1,979.05
Photostat	1,797.91
Care and supplies for Court House	7,137.86
Superior court	39,253.53

Public Welfare

County Farm	96,979.83
Support of poor off Farm	17,061.60
Old age assistance	8,314.54
Board and care of children	35,623.76
Soldiers' Aid	2,604.48
Welfare administration expense	6,143.91

Interest

On temporary loans	2,569.54
On bonds	637.50

Outlay for new construction, etc.

Repairs at County Farm	3,000.00
Sheriff's office and cells	316.00
Contingent Fund	3,987.31

Indebtedness

Payment on temporary loans	260,000.00
Payment on principal of bonds	7,000.00

All other payments	
County Reports	285.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	114.04
Delegation expenses	333.20
County extension service	14,011.00
Insurance	4,034.91
Employees retirement	692.06
Sheriff's dept. from 1952 surplus	108.99
Public hearing	6.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 528,997.65
Cash on hand at end of year	23,582.21
	<hr/>
Grand total	\$ 552,579.86

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1953

Expenses of Officers

Traveling expenses of	
Commissioners	\$ 776.72
County Solicitor	
Bond	\$ 25.00
Trav. and Court	
expense	\$620.89
	<hr/>
	645.89
Trav. expense	
Treasurer Bond	
\$214.60, Trav. exp.,	
\$182.80	397.40
Bookkeeper's salary	2,508.27
Telephone	348.45

Office supplies	671.19	
Bond—Bookkeeper	5.00	
Repairs to Adding Machine	28.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,381.07

Register of Deeds

Supplies	\$ 43.88	
Telephone	226.20	
Bond	23.13	
F. W. Neal—Binding Records	300.00	
F. W. Neal—Slip Covers	918.00	
Stepladder	65.66	
Express	4.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,581.36

Register of Probate

Salary of assistant	\$ 307.66	
Supplies	923.20	
Telephones	173.20	
Bond	12.50	
Probate Court stenog- rapher	42.53	
F. W. Neal—Strafford County records	201.25	
Binding 13 County records	300.00	
Typewriter repairs	18.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,979.05

Care and Supplies for Court House

Janitor service	\$ 4,095.00	
Oil	1,335.06	

Public Service Com-

pany, Lights	759.50	
Supplies	541.50	
Repairs	47.80	
Water bills	84.40	
Oil bids	24.60	
Tankless heater	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,137.86

Superior Court

Jury pay rolls	\$ 8,484.57	
State vs. pay rolls	3,353.75	
Counsel fees	300.00	
Stenographers	4,994.03	
Clerk of Court, Salary,		
Clerical hire, sup-		
plies, etc.	9,699.47	
Sheriff and deputies	11,218.94	
Masters Fees	1,202.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 39,253.53

Welfare Administration

Salaries

Case Worker and		
Stenographer	\$ 5,488.91	
Traveling expense,		
etc., Case Worker	655.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,143.91

Sheriff and Deputies

Telephone	\$ 477.63	
Supplies	109.09	
Bonds	245.00	
Salaries and expenses	10,387.22	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,218.94

DIRECT RELIEF, 1953

Dover	\$ 6,683.60
Rochester	4,708.28
Somersworth	3,303.96
Farmington	320.83
New Durham	138.00
Madbury	268.38
Strafford	235.13
Salmon Falls	392.03
Milton Mills	533.50
Other towns (reimbursement received)	477.89
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 17,061.60

SOLDIERS' AID

Dover	\$ 1,069.60
Rochester	434.97
Farmington	427.54
Somersworth	173.10
Barrington	499.27
<hr/>	
	\$ 2,604.48

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the close of the year 1953 all taxes had been paid by the cities and towns.

The total cash on hand on December 31, 1953, amounted to \$23,582.21.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the County Commissioners and the office staff for their generous assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO CORMIER,
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 27,354.45
Receipts, year ending December 31, 1953	705,017.59
	<hr/>
	\$ 732,372.04
Payments, year ending December 31, 1953	708,789.83
	<hr/>
Balance, as per cash book December 31, 1953	\$ 23,582.21
Balance in Merchants National Bank as per statement of December 31, 1953	29,039.44

Less outstanding orders	5,457.23
	<hr/>
	\$ 23,582.21
Reconciled bank balance as of December 31, 1953	\$ 23,582.21
County Commissioners office, Bal. on hand, petty cash, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 25.00
Dec. 31, 1953	25.00

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total amount of receipts, year ending December 31, 1953	\$ 43,289.27
Total remittances to County Treasurer, December 31, 1953	\$ 43,289.27
Superintendent's balance on hand, January 1, 1953—Petty cash	\$ 100.00
Superintendent's balance on hand, December 31, 1953—Petty cash	\$ 100.00

Indebtedness, December 31, 1953

Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	None
Outstanding long term notes	None
Outstanding Bonds,	
Court House	\$30,000.00
County Home	14,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 44,000.00
County taxes, uncollected December 31, 1953	None
County taxes due from towns and cities	None

Signed:

GILMAN H. TWOMBLY,
RAYMOND V. JONES, Jr.

County Auditors

Date: January 14, 1954

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Apportionment of County Tax

1953

\$209,731.55

	Proportion of tax	Amount of tax
Barrington	\$ 15.45	\$ 3,240.35
Dover	340.59	71,432.47
Durham	52.55	11,021.39
Farmington	59.05	12,384.65
Lee	10.19	2,137.16
Madbury	11.03	2,313.34
Middleton	3.10	650.17
Milton	32.41	6,797.40
New Durham	12.59	2,640.52
Rochester	258.33	54,179.95
Rollinsford	30.04	6,300.34
Somersworth	158.96	33,338.93
Strafford	15.71	3,294.88
Total	\$ 1,000.00	\$209,731.55

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1953.

Among the improvements made during the year was the shingling of the Women's Wing, the new River and Spring Pumps were installed, and a new pipe line was laid from the cistern to the Spring Pump. The silo, which was leaning heavily, was pulled back into shape and straightened. It was necessary to use the Contingency Funds for these repairs, and I wish to express my appreciation to the Executive Committee for their cooperation. In the house, two rooms were finished to enable us to care for more patients.

Mrs. Lepene and I wish to express our appreciation to the various Church and Fraternal Organizations for their charities, and for their entertainments and gifts to the people here.

We most sincerely appreciate the cooperation given us by the Commissioners, by Dr. Hartigan, our nurses, our personnel, and the Wentworth Hospital for sterilizing our dressings.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN LEPENE,
Superintendent

1953

Special appropriation of \$3,000.00 spent as follows:

June 30 Tarring road	\$	485.00
Aug. 12 Plates and bolts for silo		12.40
Aug. 21 K. C. Roofing Company		2,000.00
Aug. 25 K. C. Roofing Company		448.00
Aug. 25 Johnson Hardware Company, silo		.75
Sept. 15 Diamond Match Company, silo		2.50
Sept. 15 E. E. Blake, silo		22.20
Sept. 15 Hoitt and Wentworth, silo		9.16
Sept. 15 City of Dover, use of com- pressor		11.00
Oct. 15 Hoitt and Wentworth, silo		8.99
Total	\$	3,000.00

Sheriff's office from 1952 surplus	\$	500.00
Aug. 5 Siren flasher and handcuffs		108.99
Unexpended balance	\$	391.01

Sheriff's office, Special ap- propriation of	\$	500.00
May 25 Cells	\$	250.00
Sept. 15 Padlocks		6.00
assembling and weld- ing cells		60.00
Total	\$	316.00
Unexpended balance	\$	184.00

Contingent Fund	\$ 12,500.00
-----------------	--------------

Expenditures as follows:

Court House, Oct. 6, Willis Littlefield, specifications for metal flashings, gutters and downspouts	\$ 63.00
Greenlaw, roof repairs	900.00
At County Home	
Sept. 2 Granite State Excavators, ditch and bulldozer	125.00
Oct. 6 Winfield Fernald, pump	655.00
Oct. 21 Dover Hardware, pipe	252.21
Dec. 9 Winfield Fernald, pump, pneumatic with fittings	837.79
Dec. 23 Portland Pipe and Fitting Co.	828.05
Dec. 23 Ames Construction Co., ex- cavation and services	153.00
Dec. 23 Winfield Fernald, pump parts and labor	173.26
Total	<hr/> \$ 3,987.31
Unexpended balance	<hr/> \$ 8,512.69

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME

1953

RECEIPTS

Board	\$28,302.36
Board, State of N. H. P. W.	
Department	8,284.58

Clothing and supplies	211.79
Produce	263.05
Swine	4,771.00
Hay	537.78
Bull and heifer	320.00
Fats, hides, road toll refund, telephone calls, etc.	598.71
	<hr/>
Total Receipts	\$43,289.27

EXPENDITURES

1953

Jail

Labor	\$ 3,900.00	
Supplies	72.09	
Board of women prison- ers	224.35	
Medical	97.07	
Films, etc.	37.08	
Clothing	74.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,404.93

Farming

Seed and fertilizer	\$ 671.70	
Labor	2,708.50	
Supplies	19.66	
Other expenses:		
Pullets	480.00	
Fencing	172.44	
Trucking (ensilage)	187.25	
Baling hay	96.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,336.45

Dairy

Feed	\$11,391.00	
Labor	1,935.00	
Supplies	228.94	
Other expenses:		
Whiten barn and slaughter house	75.00	
Guard wheel for pig pen (litter carrier)	16.75	
Veterinarians	145.60	
Repairs	116.05	
Separator	78.80	
Tub and hoist	80.97	
		<hr/> \$14,068.11

Operation and maintenance of Plant

Labor	\$22,519.20
Provisions	14,474.18
Clothing	400.66
Supplies	4,231.43
Health:	
Doctor, nurses and medical supplies	10,575.22
Repairs	1,342.19
Gas for range	426.77
Coal	13,608.12
Light and power	1,827.90

All other expenses:

Chaplains	242.67
Automobile and truck expense	763.24
Gasoline	1,031.35
Telephone	447.10

Transportation	40.05	
Advertising bids	26.90	
Taxes	1,886.68	
Wheel chairs and commode	286.02	
Lamp and sweeper	30.70	
Service charge on prov.	9.96	
	<hr/>	\$74,170.34
Total		<hr/> \$96,979.83

STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM INVENTORY

Commissioners' room and hall \$ 550.00

Superintendent's Department:

Office	300.00
Parlor	1,000.00
Kitchen	5,000.00
Dining Room	800.00
Sleeping Rooms	1,000.00
Sewing Room and Linen Closet	400.00
Linen Room	350.00

Inmates' Department—Men's Wing:

Dining Room	875.00
Reading Room	100.00
Barber Shop	100.00
Sleeping Rooms	1,400.00
Second-hand Clothing	50.00
Dispensary	1,650.00
Store Room	1,200.00
Attic	100.00

Inmates' Department—Women's Wing:

Dining Room	875.00
Chapel	500.00
Sleeping Rooms	900.00
Women's attic	150.00
Hospital Room	300.00

Basement:

Meat Room and Refrigerator	1,000.00
Vinegar Room	100.00
Big Store Room	700.00
Inmates' Kitchen (old)	500.00
Superintendent's Store Room	600.00
Flour and Coffee Room	1,200.00
Soap Room	500.00
Disinfectant Room	1,000.00
Paint and Carpenter Shops	700.00
Boiler Room and Contents	7,500.00
Blacksmith Shop	400.00
Oil Room	800.00
Coal	1,054.00
Fire Extinguishers	700.00
Hose House and Contents	200.00
Pumps and Motors	7,545.00
Engine Room	2,180.00
International Truck	500.00
Chevrolet Car	650.00
Ford Truck	800.00
Farm Machinery and Milk Room	
Equipment	7,230.00
Storm Windows	300.00
Jail Contents	500.00
Contents of Laundry	5,000.00
Slaughter House Equipment	500.00
Swine	1,505.00

31 Cows	4,650.00
12 Heifers	1,500.00
10 Steers	1,250.00
1 Bull	400.00
16 Calves, Yearlings	1,600.00
195 Hens	468.00
Grain for above	140.00
Corn Ensilage	400.00
Green Silage	1,200.00
Hay	6,825.00
	<hr/>
	\$79,697.00

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE, 1953

Beets	Few
Carrots	Few
Cabbage	12 heads
Cucumbers	60 bushels
String Beans	6 bushels
Lettuce	500 heads
Onions	20 bushels
Parsnips	7 bushels
Peas	8 bushels
Peppers	4 bushels
Potatoes	1500 bushels
Radishes	8 bushels
Squash	2 tons
Sweet Corn	125 dozen
Tomatoes	110 bushels
Pork, raised and used on Farm	8921 lbs.
Beef, raised and used on Farm	9731 lbs.
Veal, raised and used on Farm	404 lbs.
Milk	170,876 lbs.
Butter	1641 lbs.

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO STRAFFORD COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

1953

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
35	Archinski, William, Dover, Non-Support,	2	
75	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk,	23	1
76	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk	13	3
50	Beaulieu, Raymond F., Rochester, Drunk,	2	3
18	Berry, Joseph, Dover, Breaking and Enter- ing, Larceny,	2	
33	Berry, Alcide J., Dover, Contempt of Court		1
18	Bibeau, Gerald R., Rochester, Driving after license had been revoked,	3	6
21	Blouin, Joseph, Somersworth, (1) Larceny, (2) Refusing to stop for a Police Officer (3) Failing to stop for a stop sign,	1	1
34	Bonenfant, Gerard A., Exeter, Disobeying Court Order,		2
45	Boucher, Joseph, Dover, Breaking and Enter- ing, Larceny,	1	3
21	Bragg, Wilbur, Farmington, Drunk,	3	6
20	Brassaw, James, Rochester, Resisting Arrest,	3	5
19	Brassaw, Wallace G., Rochester, Did attempt to make Assault,	2	1
19	Brassaw, Wallace G., Rochester, Drunk,	2	1
21	Brochu, Lionel J., Dover, Breaking and Entering, Larceny,	1	4
48	Brown, Earl, Dover, Drunk,	23	1
38	Brown, Richard E., Dover, Non-Support,		4
18	Cardinal, John C., Somersworth, (1) Driv- ing without license; (2) Driving under influence of liquor,		1
24	Champagne, Laffee, Rochester, Larceny,	3	6
19	Chase, Robert L., Dover, Attempted Break- and Entering, Larceny,	3	1
33	Commiskey, Peter, Rochester, Drunk,	2	2
33	Commiskey, Peter, Rochester, Non-Support,		3
37	Constantakos, Charles, Dover, Keeping a place for the purpose of gambling,		1

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
38	Constantakos, Charles, Dover, Contempt of Court,		1
49	Cornish, James Leroy, Dover, Contempt of Court,	11	4
49	Cornish, James Leroy, Dover, Contempt of Court,	13	3
35	Day, Kenneth R., Dover, Contempt of Court,		1
68	Demers, Louis, Dover, Vagrancy,		4
32	DeWitt, Herbert W., Rochester, (1) Driving without proper license, (2) driving under influence of liquor,	1	4
43	Donovan, Francis, Somersworth, Drunk,	1	4
40	Downs, Bernard, Rochester, Non-Support,	3	6
26	Downs, Henry, Rochester, Drunk,		5
26	Downs, Henry, Dover, Drunk,	1	3
26	Downs, Henry, Rochester, Drunk,		
26	Downs, Henry, Rochester, (1) Driving truck without owner's consent; (2) Driving after his license had been revoked,	11	2
23	Farrand, Norman, Dover, Larceny,	3	6
28	Fenton, Charles, Dover, Disturbing the peace,	7	5
32	Fenton, Adrian, Dover, Contempt of Court	3	1
32	Fenton, Adrian, Dover, Contempt of Court,	1	3
28	Fortuna, Andrew J., Rochester, Non-Support,	1	3
47	Gaulin, Donat, Rochester, Did dump refuse on street,		1
47	Gaulin, Donat, Somersworth, Drunk,	1	3
47	Gaulin, Donat, Somersworth, Drunk,	3	1
26	Grant, Albert J., Dover, Larceny,	23	1
33	Greene, Daniel F., Dover, Contempt of Court,	8	
54	Grimes, John H., Dover, Drunk,	7	6
40	Haigh, Harold T., Dover, Contempt of Court	11	4
40	Haigh, Harold T., Dover, Contempt of Court,	12	6
54	Haley, James, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
23	Hanson, William W., Rochester, Driving in grossly careless manner	1	
31	Hart, John G., Dover, Contempt of Court,		1
71	Hayes, Elihu, Rochester, Drunk,	2	6
41	Hayes, Frank, Somersworth, (1) Driving without license; (2) Driving under influence of liquor,	2	

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
57	Hennessey, William E., Dover, Drunk,	25	5
42	Hermanson, John, Dover, Drunk	5	1
45	Hoitt, Carl, Dover, Drunk,	23	1
51	Howard, John, Rochester, Drunk	2	6
51	Howard, John, Rochester, Tramp,	3	6
38	Jones, Norman, Dover, Violating Court Order,		1
22	Jutras, Leo, Rochester, Assault and Larceny,	4	3
39	Kelley, Reginald, Dover, Contempt of Court,	7	5
65	King, John J., Rochester, Drunk,	2	6
45	Klowan, Leo, Rochester, Drunk,		6
36	Labbe, Emilio, Rochester, Lascivious behavior,	3	2
38	Lancey, Sr., Albert H., Rochester, Non-Support,	3	6
39	Lancey, Sr., Albert H., Dover, Non-Support,	3	3
52	Lanoix, Robert, Dover, Contempt of Court,	11	4
42	Lamontagne, Alphonse C., Dover, Contempt of Court,		4
43	LaPanne, Nelson, Dover, Excessive use of liquor, and disturbance,	3	6
27	Lassor, Raymond, Dover, Driving under influence of liquor,		3
29	Lingard, Frank, Somersworth, Contempt of Court,	2	6
48	London, Harold, Dover, Gross lewdness and lascivious behavior,		6
27	Mansfield, Robert, Dover, Larceny,	28	0
34	Mantos, Louis W., Dover, Non-Support,	23	1
49	Marshall, Thomas, Dover, Contempt of Court,	11	4
28	Mayo, Jr., John, Somersworth, Contempt of Court,	3	6
64	McGonigle, John, Dover, Vagrancy,	4	
64	McGonigle, John, Dover, Vagrancy,	23	1
29	McKinney, Melvin, Rochester, (1) Driving under influence of liquor; Driving without proper license,	18	2
19	Moody, Wesley, Somersworth, Passing a School Bus flashing a red light,	2	5
25	Murdo, Francis, Farmington, Larceny		5

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
27	Nadeau, Arthur, Dover, (1) Driving without a license; (2) Driving under influence of liquor,	5	3
27	Nadeau, Arthur, Somersworth, Drunk,	2	3
73	Pare, Joseph, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
73	Pare, Joseph, Rochester, Drunk,	2	3
61	Peters, Walter, Dover, Drunk,	15	4
53	Pike, Roland S., Rochester, Drunk,	2	1
53	Pike, Roland S., Rochester, Drunk,	3	6
20	Pinkham, Elmer, Dover, Gross lewdness and lascivious behavior,		6
58	Proulx, Ernest J., Rochester, Operating a vehicle after his license had been revoked,	2	6
48	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrancy,	8	
48	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrancy,	11	4
48	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrancy,	9	3
28	Reed, Philip, Rochester, Did commit acts to promote to the delinquency of a minor child,		6
35	Rennie, Elmer, Dover, Neglect of child,		3
33	Richardson, John E., Dover, Contempt of Court,	1	3
34	Richardson, John E., Dover, Contempt of Court,		1
41	Roberge, Peter, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
41	Roberge, Peter, Dover, Drunk,		3
20	Roberts, Byron A., Dover, Attempt to break and enter,	3	1
55	Roy, William S., Dover, Contempt of Court		1
34	Roy, William J., Dover, (1) Driving under influence of liquor; (2) leaving the scene of an accident,		5
26	Russell, Leo Joseph, Dover, Contempt of Court,		1
42	Shaw, Eugene J., Dover, Non-Support,	2	4
39	Smith, Harry D., Dover, Drunk,	3	6
40	Smith, Harry D., Dover, Drunk,	3	6
34	Smith, Weston J., Dover, Non-Support,		3
39	Steward, Albert, Dover, Contempt of Court,	1	4
60	Therrien, Alfred, Rochester, Drunk,	2	1
48	Thibault, Ernest, Somersworth, (1) Drunk, (2) Driving under influence of liquor,	11	5

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
23	Tremblay, Donald, Somersworth, (1) Did take auto, but not with intent to steal; (2) Driving without license; (3) Driving under influence of liquor,	11	6
18	Tremblay, Leo, Dover, Did attempt to break and enter	3	1
23	Turner, Gordon, Dover, Non-Support,		4
40	Varney, William George, Somersworth, Non-Support,	1	3
28	Vachon, Robert J., Dover, Contempt of Court,	7	5
28	Vachon Robert J., Rochester, Contempt of Court,		1
24	Vigneault, Armond R. J., Dover, Did make and deliver check with intent to defraud,		1
46	Williams, Arthur, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
19	Wood, Gordon, Dover, (1) Driving under influence of liquor; (2) Driving without license,		3
25	Wynott, Jr., Charles W., Dover, (1) Driving under influence of liquor; (2) Leaving the scene of an accident,		2
25	Wynott, Jr., Charles W., Dover, Larceny,	3	

INMATES AT STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME DURING YEAR 1953

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Authier, Eugene, Rochester,	70	148
Barnes, Gertrude, Lee,	57	110
Baxter, Charles, New Durham,	72	88
Bennett, Emma, Rochester,	75	365
Bisson, Ephriam, Dover,	82	365
Boudreault, Maurice, Dover,	70	162
Boucher, Omerile, Somersworth,	67	159
Bourassa, Maria, Dover,	72	43
Butler, Fannie, Dover,	69	365

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Cahoon, Maude, Rochester,	82	365
Carron, Rose, Dover,	(?)	275
Cochrane, Philip, Somersworth,	64	151
Connors, John, Dover,	81	365
Cote, Arthur, Somersworth,	82	365
Dammann, Norma, Baltimore, Md.	25	6
Dammann, Margaret B., Baltimore, Md.,	6	6
Davis, Harold P., Dover,	64	365
Frechette, Octave, Dover,	80	365
Frey, Martina, Strafford,	87	306
Gagnon, Levi, Manchester,	73	14
Gatchell, Gustina, Dover,	85	365
Guimond, Fred, Dover,	78	365
Jones, Bernice D., Dover,	57	151
Johnson, Harry, Farmington,	75	365
Lique, Henry, Rochester,	82	59
McCraren, John, Dover	56	109
McGibbon, Charles, Boscawen,	72	10
McMaster, Harriet, Dover,	91	92
Mitchell, Mark, Dover,	46	31
Morrison, Clarence E., Barrington,	63	28
Morgan, Charles P.,	82	365
Parkard, Charles, Dover,	86	158
Provencal, John, Dover,	60	272
Pinkham, Russell, Dover,	76	134
Roy, Frank, Dover,	77	365
Stiles, Ida E., Barrington,	80	365
Storrer, Harriet A., Farmington,	75	365
Sykes, Allen, Dover,	97	148
Theroux, Tillie, Farmington,	73	150
Thibault, Henry, Salmon Falls,	69	365
Williams, Arthur, Dover,	47	171
Williams, Mary, Dover,	49	171
Woods, Owen, Dover,	53	138
18 private boarders and veterans, (16 Boarders—2 Veterans)		3,203

BOARDERS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS DURING YEAR 1953

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Amory, Mary L., Rochester,	81	365
Anderson, Gerald, Rollinsford,	15	33
Anderson, John, Rollinsford,	12	33
Authier, Eugene, Rochester,	70	217
Barnes, Gertrude, Lee,	57	255
Bernatchez, Albert J., Somersworth	80	313
Bishop, John, Lee,	86	25
Blake, Laura, Rochester,	79	249
Blaisdell, Cora, Rochester,	60	2
Brier, Sarah, Dover,	69	14
Carpenter, William A., Dover,	16	6
Chalmers, Jennie, Rochester,	63	33
Cochrane, Philip, Somersworth,	63	214
Coleman, Vaughn, Dover,	59	225
Collins, Thomas, Rochester,	57	207
Cote, Nelson, Rochester,	72	35
Croteau, Davie, Somersworth,	68	355
Dion, Arthur, Lee	74	365
Drouin, Adel, Somersworth,	84	365
Folland, John H., Dover,	47	262
Frey, Martina, Strafford,	87	59
Halloran, John H., Dover,	83	365
Holton, Annette, Rochester	74	7
Howard, John, Rochester,	51	37
Jones, Bernice D., Dover,	57	214
Jones, Addie Mae, Middleton,	71	365
Langvin, Frederick, Somersworth,	46	66
Lique, Henry, Rochester,	82	306
Letourneau, Maria, Rochester,	60	188
Lilly, Mary, Dover,	68	61
Lilly, John, Somersworth,	60	365
Lilly, Rose, Somersworth,	64	365
Marden, Percy, Dover,	69	150
Martel, Mary, Dover,	63	86
McCrillis, Arnold, Rochester,	45	198
McEntee, Alfred, Rochester,	74	1
McMaster, Harriet, Dover,	91	273

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
McSorley, Elizabeth, Dover,	85	127
Mears, Percy E., Dover,	62	4
Mitchell, Mark, Dover,	46	334
Morrison, Clarence E., Barrington,	63	337
Paquette, Eugene O., Dover,	82	365
Philbrick, John, Farmington,	76	106
Phinney, John, Rochester,	69	17
Plante, Albert, Somersworth,	71	365
Prendergast, John, Dover	67	355
Provencal, John, Dover,	60	93
Provencal, Joseph, Dover,	69	365
Sheperd, Willie R., Litchfield,	77	120
Shupe, Harry, Somersworth,	72	303
Smith, William I., Dover,	52	365
Stanton, Minnie, Somersworth,	76	232
Stevens, Hattie R., Middleton,	84	365
Tebbetts, Catherine, Farmington,	65	86
Timmons, Patrick J., Dover,	76	365
Viel, Mary M., Dover,	83	248
Waterman, Mamie, Rochester,	63	40
White, John P., Dover,	80	239
Young, Nathaniel, Milton,	60	365

REPORT OF CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

The following is an account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Superior Court for the following terms:

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1952

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimuses, probation certificates, etc. (29)	\$ 29.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics, (66)	9.90
Extended permanent records, 870 pp. @ \$.30	261.00
Extended permanent records, certifications, 189 @ \$.15	28.35
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire	2,671.37
	<hr/>
	\$2,998.62

CREDITS

Civil entries, 124 @ \$.90	\$ 111.60
Equity entries, 113 @ \$.90	101.70
State appeals, 13 @ \$.90	11.70
Fine, State v. Williams	25.00
Fine, State v. Frost	100.00
Costs, Green	7.10
Costs, Canney	3.20
Costs, Tilton	5.80
Costs, Smith	5.60
Costs, McKee	2.00

REPORTS OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

69

Dockets sold, 25 @ \$2.00	50.00
Rules of Court sold (1)	1.00
Fees chargeable to County	37.90
Postage reimbursement	17.60
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire drawn	2,518.42
	<hr/>
	\$2,998.62

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.
February 5, 1953

WILLIAM A. GRIMES,
Presiding Justice

FEBRUARY TERM, 1953

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimus, probation certificates, etc. (32)	\$ 32.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (57)	8.55
Extended Permanent Records, 1269 pp. @ \$.30	380.70
Extended Permanent Records, 859 pp. @ \$.50	429.50
Extended Permanent Records, 517 certifications @ \$.15	77.55
Fines paid Motor Vehicle Department	150.00
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire	2,840.24
	<hr/>
	\$3,918.54

Civil entries, 104 @ \$.90	\$ 93.60
Civil entries, 58 @ \$2.50	145.00
Equity entries, 87 @ \$.90	78.30
Equity entries, 37 @ \$2.50	92.50
State appeal entries, 16 @ \$.90	14.40
State appeal entries, 2 @ \$2.50	5.00
Dockets sold, 24 @ \$2.00	48.00
State v. Dugas, fine	25.00
State v. Hermanson, fine	100.00
State v. Rumney, fine	25.00
Costs re: Daniel Green	2.30
Postage	8.40
Fees chargeable to County	40.55
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire drawn	3,240.49
	<hr/>
	\$3,918.54

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.
September 2, 1953

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH
Presiding Justice

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County, and to the Citizens of said County:

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my annual report for 1953, pursuant to Chapters 24 and 50 of the Revised Laws.

First I submit a report on cases disposed of in the Superior Court, and for convenience these cases are grouped into the two major categories of felonies (major crimes) and misdemeanors (minor crimes or offenses). With rare exceptions, the latter class of case reaches the Superior Court only by appeal from a municipal court.

I. Felony Cases

A. Cases Tried by Jury

State v. Romeo Ouellette. Tried on two indictments: (1) Manslaughter and (2) Knowingly leaving scene after causing personal injuries. This trial took six days and resulted in a verdict of Guilty of Manslaughter (second degree) and Not Guilty of leaving the scene. Respondent was given a sentence of 3-5 years in State Prison, from which he appealed to the Supreme Court (not decided as of end of year).

State v. Lloyd H. Skillings. Tried on five indictments (grand larceny, breaking and entering, attempted robbery, aggravated assault). This trial took five and one-half days and resulted in a ver-

dict of Guilty of grand larceny and Not Guilty on the other indictments. Respondent appealed to the Supreme Court and imposition of sentence was postponed. Case not decided by Supreme Court as of end of year.

Note: The Skillings cases were first tried by jury in 1952 but the jury disagreed and reached no verdict, and the Respondent appealed in 1952 to the Supreme Court on matters of law. In 1953 (prior to the second trial aforesaid) the Solicitor personally prepared a Brief and orally argued the cases in the Supreme Court, which sustained the Solicitor in all five cases.

B. Cases Disposed of on Pleas of Guilty or Nolo

State v. Wallace Gilman. Larceny of automobile. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 2 years.

State v. William George Varney. Desertion of minor children. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 5 years—payments ordered.

State v. Charles Seccus. Aggravated assault. Plea: Nolo. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Joseph Boucher. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Carlton J. Fogarty. Leaving scene of accident. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Gordon Turner. Desertion of minor children. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 5 years.

State v. Joseph A. Berry. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 2 years.

State v. Leo Napoleon Jutras. Armed Robbery. Plea: Guilty. Committed to State Prison for 6-10 years.

State v. Olive Varney Goupil. Armed Robbery. Plea: Guilty. Committed to State Prison for 6-10 years.

State v. Lionel Brochu. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 2 years.

State v. Donald E. Nisbett, Bryan Arthur Roberts, Leo Tremblay, and Robert L. Chase. Each respondent pleaded Guilty to attempted breaking and entering, and each case was continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. Arthur Carden. Grand larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Joseph Blouin. Grand larceny. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to State Prison for 1-3 years.

State v. Albert Lancey, Sr. Desertion of minor children. Plea: Guilty. Sentence suspended—probation 5 years.

State v. Andrew J. Fortuna. Desertion of minor children. Continued for sentence—probation 5 years.

C. Cases Nol Prossed

State v. Eugene Shaw. Desertion of minor children. Nol prossed upon his making financial arrangement for support of children.

II. Misdemeanor Cases

A. Cases Tried by Jury

State v. Homer H. Parker. Indecent exposure. Verdict: Not Guilty.

State v. Charles W. Hermanson. Operating while under influence. Verdict: Guilty. Fined \$100.00.

State v. Edward L. Price, Jr. Operating while under influence. Verdict: Not Guilty.

State v. Roger S. Wood. Operating while under influence. Verdict: Not Guilty.

State v. Ernest W. Sevigny. Operating while under influence. Jury disagreed.

B. Cases Disposed of on Pleas of Guilty or Nolo

State v. Arthur W. Rumney. Operating at unreasonable speed. Plea: Guilty. Fined \$25.00.

State v. James E. Carle, Jr. Careless operation. Plea: Nolo. Fine: \$25.00.

State v. Henry Sabine. Operating while under influence. Plea: Guilty. Fined \$500.00. 60 days suspended.

State v. Conrad Dugas. Careless operation. Plea: Nolo. Fined \$25.00.

State v. Marcel Huppe. Assault. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Pinzek. Lewdness. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence—probation 1 year.

State v. Elmer Pinkham and State v. Harold G.

London. Lewdness. Pleas of Guilty. Each respondent given suspended sentence of 60 days.

C. Cases Nol Prossed.

A number of misdemeanor cases were nol prossed at my discrecion, either for weakness of evidence or at the request of the original complainant.

III. Cases in Municipal Courts.

As always, numerous cases were handled in municipal courts but, while such cases are time-consuming, they will not be detailed here.

IV. Sex Psychopath Law

In the past two years the Solicitor has filed petitions in Superior Court in about a dozen cases for medical inquiries into the mental condition of persons assused of various offenses of a sexual nature. The majority of the cases involved such offenses as lewdness and indecent exposure, and in every case except one the medical board made a negative finding. Most of the cases have then been disposed of in Municipal Court on pleas of guilty. (Four more petitions were filed in the first six weeks of 1954.)

In one case the Medical Board did find the respondent to be a dangerous sex psychopath, but the respondent appealed the finding to the Superior Court where, after a hearing lasting three and one-half days, the Court reversed the board. This respondent has subsequently been indicted.

In the judgment of the Solicitor, the said stat-

ute (Chapter 314 of the 1949 Laws) contains grave weaknesses and in its operation it has proved to be both expensive to this County and impractical in its operation. It appears to be based on an assumed degree of psychiatric knowledge which in fact does not exist, and both the courts and the psychiatrists seem justly reluctant to apply the law. The law arbitrarily requires persons to submit to psychiatric examination on the mere basis that they have been accused of an offense, without any judicial hearing on whether there is probable cause to accuse them. It causes delay and expense, and usually has no result, except that there doubtless will be cases of serious transgressors who will escape the criminal punishment which they deserve on the speculative basis that possibly they are sick and can be cured. The legislature should examine carefully into this law and its history to date by consultation with the best legal and medical minds, and if they find that the law in fact has far outstripped the progress of psychology so that it has no practical basis, then they should abolish it. Otherwise, they should amend it.

V. Driving Under Influence Cases

In 1949 our legislature enacted a law permitting evidence of the alcoholic content of blood. This should have proved a distinct advance in the handling of this type of motor vehicle offense, but in this county very rarely have the police availed themselves of this law. As a result they throw away the best evidence available, and they leave a jury to wonder why no test was taken, except in the occasional case where a respondent has actually refused it. One reason why the police do not utilize

the law seems to be that the medical profession is loath to assist when called, since they thereby become entangled in court proceedings. Another reason seems to be that it is just too much trouble to supervise the taking of blood and its transmission to the State Laboratory. Thus the solicitor rarely has anything but conflicting opinion evidence. A new effort should be made in this field, and the direction of that effort obviously is the procurement of modern equipment for measuring alcoholic content from the breath, as is done in many states. If Dover and Rochester (at least) had such equipment (which could be available to the police elsewhere also) it would be a distinct step forward. A jury trial of one such case costs the county over three hundred dollars, and it is only common sense that the police who present such cases to the solicitor should have some solid scientific evidence of such an otherwise debatable matter as the physical condition of a respondent with respect to alcohol. Another partial cure for this perennial headache (in all counties) would be for the license suspension period to be lowered in the case of the first offender, so as to reduce the number of appeals.

VI. General

A county solicitor bears a heavy measure of responsibility. Innumerable matters are attended to by him in addition to cases actually arriving in court. Most of his daily work cannot be reflected in this brief report. He is consulted for advice by all and sundry. He writes the husband who sends no money. He is attorney for the county and state welfare departments, although theoretically the latter has the attorney general's office. He is an investi-

gator of crimes, both real and fancied. He sends petitions to courts in other states for the support of families here. He decides whether to extradite deserting husbands and others to this state. He tries to stop groundless complaints in their inception, and he prepares matters for investigation by the Grand Jury. He explains the workings of the criminal law to those who cannot understand that we must give orderly justice and a fair trial to others if we wish ourselves to remain free. He must politely turn away those who mistakenly seek free legal advice of a private nature. The importance and scope of his job are little understood, and surprisingly enough they are not comprehended even by our county representatives, who have voted to permit his salary to remain at the 1943 level while they raise prices in their own private pursuits, and have voted that he shall continue to pay all his clerical and secretarial expenses from his \$1,800 salary, although our other county departments are paid for such help and the Rockingham Solicitor receives over \$700.00 for it in addition to his \$2,400 salary, and even in Cheshire County \$500.00 is paid for that purpose. It is true that competent men undoubtedly will continue to seek the office in spite of the compensation paid. The job still offers a challenge and the satisfaction of doing for the public good. Yet it is also true that the continued inadequate compensation of this position is a measure of the slight importance which our elected representatives (the majority of them) attach to some of the most fundamental principles, for example to the principle that the administration of justice is the most important single function of government, the principle that our affairs are best administered the closer they are to home, and the

principle that a day's work deserves a day's pay. Our legislators will vote millions for toll roads, but they insist on paying the solicitor a salary which amounts to less than two dollars an hour on a job that consumes about one-half his working hours.

VII. I am glad to say that, with co-operation from most state departments, and the utmost co-operation from the Sheriff and his deputies and the Medical Referee and other county workers, my task as county solicitor has been pleasant and the job has been done. The Probation Department should be included among the very helpful, and also the police of our cities and towns.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRANT
County Solicitor

REPORT OF SHERIFF

FEBRUARY TERM, 1953

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. James F. Quimby	\$	5.00
Paid Wentworth Bus Lines, Inc. (jury transportation)		18.00

WILFRED J. PAR, Sheriff

82 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	820.00
2 nights' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		20.00
580 miles travel at 10c		58.00
27 meals		28.05
Transportation of prisoners for Court		21.75
Fees and travel in connection with service of 13 subpenea for Court (criminal cases)		23.60
Mittimus and returns (criminal cases)		2.00
		<hr/>
		973.40

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

34 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	340.00
3 nights' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		30.00
1,360 miles travel at 10c		136.00
32 meals		34.00
		<hr/>
		540.00

EDWARD RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

41 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	410.00
5 nights' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		50.00
820 miles, travel at 10c		82.00
40 meals		40.00
		<hr/>
		582.00

NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff

9 days' attendance at		
Court at \$10.00	\$	90.00
90 miles' travel at 10c		9.00
7 meals		7.95
		<hr/>
		106.95

WILLIAM GOLDEN, Special Deputy Sheriff

1 day's attendance at		
Court at \$10.00	\$	10.00
1 night's attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		10.00
36 miles' travel at 10c		3.60
		<hr/>
		23.60
		<hr/>
	\$	2,248.95

Approved for \$2,248.95

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH,
Presiding Justice
WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

 SEPTEMBER TERM, 1953

To Wilfred J. Pare Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. George Abbe	\$	5.00
Paid Wentworth Bus Lines, Inc, (jury transportation)		7.50
Paid witness fee (State v. Skillings)		2.00

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

62 day's attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	620.00
I night's attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		10.00
486 miles' travel at 10c		48.60
33 meals		36.50
Transportation of prisoners for Court		70.20
		<hr/>
		785.30

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

44 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	440.00
5 nights attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		50.00
1706 miles travel at 10c		170.60
43 meals		47.85
		<hr/>
		708.45

EDWARD RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

28 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$	280.00
3 nights' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00		30.00
540 miles' travel		
at 10c		54.00

27 meals	28.30	
	<hr/>	392.30

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff

4 days' attendance		
at Court at \$10.00	\$ 40.00	
8 miles' travel at 10c	.80	
	<hr/>	40.80
		<hr/>
	\$	1,941.35

Approved for \$1,941.35

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH,
Presiding Justice

WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

January 26, 1954

County Commissioners, Court House, Dover, N. H.

Gentlemen:

For one year only, it has been my privilege to serve as Catholic chaplain at the Strafford County Home. I hereby submit my report for the year, with regret that I could serve no longer, and with deep gratitude to the staff of the Home.

24 regular trips for Confessions, Mass and Holy Communion.

1 trip for Christmas Mass.

4 special trips to administer Last Sacraments.

The total Mass attendance and the Sacraments administered were well over 400 during that period.

Just to see the expression of contentment on the faces of the aged, the needy and the sick is most encouraging to any chaplain ministering to the spiritual needs of the Catholics at the Home.

Many thanks to the Commissioners, to the Superintendent and his staff for their fine cooperation with me in caring for our people.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. GERARD NOEL

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

March 4, 1954

County Commissioners, Court House, Dover, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

It is with pleasure that I can report of the prosperity and general welfare of the inmates at the County Home. The fine response to the regular Sunday worship services as well as the warm reception accorded me on my personal visits with the inmates is indicative of the excellent spirit of the folk.

Sunday worship services have been conducted at 2:30 P. M. every Sunday throughout the year. As Protestant Chaplain I not only conducted at least one worship service a month but also made regular visits to the rooms of those folk unable to attend the service. I am grateful to the other pastors in this area for their cooperation in conducting worship services.

I have been able to distribute helpful literature as well as popular reading matter. The Gideons provided Bibles and New Testaments to those inmates requesting them.

From time to time, special features have been brought to the members of the County Home. Again this year a Christmas party with gifts for all was held.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Commissioners and the Superintendent of the Home for another year. These people have given to me every cooperation and whole-hearted assistance in promoting the spiritual interest of the inmates. I am indeed grateful for this consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ROBERT T. WESSEL,
Protestant Chaplain

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Strafford County Home Physician for the year of 1953.

Visits to County Home and Jail	52
Emergency visits to County Home	7
Emergency visits to County Jail	2
Number of cases of pregnancy	0
Number of commitments	0
Number of deaths	7
Average age of death	77

During my visits to the Home, I have always found the patients and inmates receiving excellent physical care and every effort being made to keep

them contented. The Home itself is clean, pleasant and well-managed.

I would like at this time to extend my thanks to the Commissioners and the Staff of the Home for their cooperation and unfailing consideration which has made my duties as Home Physician a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. HARTIGAN, M. D.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE STRAFFORD COUNTY FOR 1953

AGRICULTURAL AGENT

This report is far from a complete resume of the work and activities of the County Agricultural Agent. It is, however, hoped that it does give you an idea of Extension activities during the past few months.

At the beginning of each year we offer our services to farmers in helping them make out their Federal Income Tax returns. There have been several farmers taking advantage of this offer. We also help people with their farm accounts and distribute books for dairy, fruit, and poultry farmers.

Local dairy breed associations have been organized through the Extension Service and the Agent is active in helping them with their programs. Strafford County is the only one in the State with an active Holstein and Guernsey Association. The Dairy Herd Improvement Association has been incorporated this year and we have had a permanent tester for several months. We have aided the New Hampshire Jersey Cattle Club with their publicity and have helped to arrange meetings for the New Hampshire-Vermont Breeding Association. The local Holstein Association has been helped with their sale and with their booth at Dover.

Poultry growers have been receiving printed information on management, diseases, and feed periodically. Disease problems have been taken care of by individual help. The County Agent has

helped in selecting chickens for farmers entering their poultry in the New Hampshire Broiler Test.

Farmers have been given help with their construction of buildings such as milk rooms, storage, barns, egg rooms, bulk storage for grain elevators, and electrical equipment. They have also been given information on pipe line milking and cold wall milk storage tanks. Demonstrations have been given on blueberry growing, pruning apple trees, and forage crops.

Over fifty farmers have signed up in the Green Pasture Program.

Since last December the Agent has participated in fifty-five radio programs.

A few of the other participations have been:

Cooperate with Granges on their Agricultural Program.

The Agent has helped in the control of insects, diseases and rodents.

Furnishes information to the Soil Conservation on seeding mixtures and fertilizer recommendations.

E. A. ADAMS,
County Agricultural Agent

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

The intelligent and devoted leadership of 179 Strafford County women has, once again, been of in-

valuable assistance to the Agent in promoting and carrying out the home demonstration program. Since December 1, 1952 these leaders have held 491 meetings which were attended by 4675 people.

Projects which our leaders have taught in their communities during the past year include, Buying Women's Clothing, Buying Children's Shoes, Improving Home Lighting, Care and Repair of Sewing Machines, Reedcraft, Making Gifts, Making Plastic Handbags, Braiding Rugs, Textile Stencilling, Food From Many Lands, Huck Weaving, "The Food Buyer Knows Her Business," Metal Etching, Christmas Greens, Using Sewing Machine Attachments, Making Lamps and Lampshades, Casserole Dishes, "Know Your Proteins," Timesaving Meals, Chairseating, Refinishing Furniture, and Making Men's and Boys' Shirts.

In addition the Agent met with groups of homemakers to give instruction on Weight Control, Wardrobe Planning, Care of Knives and Scissors, Chairseating, Sewing Shortcuts, Entertaining At Home, and Tailoring Women's Clothing.

Exhibits of home demonstration work were displayed during National Home Demonstration Week, at Achievement Day, and at Madbury and Rochester Fairs.

The Agent prepares a weekly newspaper column on market information for the food shoppers, five radio talks each month, and two monthly letters which have a circulation of 980 and 225 respectively. In addition, the Agent makes all arrangements for leader training schools, county-

wide and district meetings, and directs the planning and administration of the program throughout the County.

The Agent is deeply grateful to the Board of Directors for their loyal support of the home demonstration program and for their cooperation in all matters pertaining to her work.

Respectfully submitted,
SHIRLEY SMITH WEEKS,
Home Demonstration Agent

CLUB AGENT

In the time I have been on the job in Strafford County, that is since June 1st, I feel we have made some progress in improving the 4-H program, but there is still considerable room for improvement.

This period was started off with a two week session at 4-H Camp where I believe I was able to help in improving the Strafford County 4-H Camping program. I was fortunate in having some excellent assistance in carrying out the camp schedule.

Following Camp the 4-H had the Chick-Of-Tomorrow events, at which time we had the second place winners in both the Egg Grading and Senior Chick-Of-Tomorrow Contests.

In the local and county fairs, we have had excellent representation in all fields of endeavor, al-

though Harriet and I are making plans for some improvements next year, both in the exhibits and in participation.

Plans for the future include the reorganization or reactivation of some clubs either without leaders or which have not been active and the establishment of new clubs where there is a need and available leadership.

All in all I am looking forward to a successful club year, following the club motto:

“To Make The Best Better.”

Sincerely,
RICHARD C. WALKER,
County Club Agent

ASSISTANT CLUB AGENT

Since coming to Strafford County in February of this year there are two matters with which, above all others, I've concerned myself. These are: (1) to learn the job of Assistant Club Agent, (as I came here without previous professional 4-H experience), and (2) to become acquainted with the people of the County, and especially with 4-H Leaders and members.

In learning the job of a Club Agent I have had the most valuable sort of help from so many sources.

Mr. Wadleigh and Mrs. Weston have been exceedingly helpful whenever I've had questions and problems; and the Specialists have always been more than willing to lend any aid. In addition, County 4-H Club Leaders, our Office Staff, training meetings, written materials, and down-to-earth experience have joined to teach me my job. I feel greatly indebted to all.

My other primary concern has been to get to know the people of Strafford County and to win their faith. To this end I have made as many personal contacts as I possibly could with Leaders, members, and parents and others. These contacts have consisted of personal visits, personal and circular letters, phone calls, etc. Another very excellent way I have found to become more closely acquainted with Club Leaders and others is of course to **work with them.**

Beginning with our County Training Meetings, on through the Teen Tour, Dress Review, and Demonstration Day, the Folk Festival, and the Fairs, all these events have been helpful in establishing understanding between us. I firmly believe that the greater the faith and the friendship formed among us all, the sounder and more truly worthwhile will be our County 4-H program.

Sincerely,
HARRIET WHITCHER,
Assistant Club Agent

COUNTY FORESTER

I. SITUATION

A. General

Strafford County contains 179,800 acres of forest lands. This is approximately 74.5% of the total land area of the County. A survey showed in 1948 that only 24% of the forest lands were covered with sawable timber and the annual cutting of the softwood timber exceeded the growth rate by more than thirty-four percent. However, hardwood saw timber and pole age hardwoods were only being cut at approximately 24 percent of growth. This means that Strafford County forests are rapidly being converted to hardwoods, many of these hardwoods are of little or no commercial value.

B. County Foresters Program

Requests for the services of the County Forester increased during 1953. Over 1 million board feet were marked by the County Forester in Belknap and Strafford from July 1952 to July 1953.

Stumpage prices for marked timber averaged higher than in 1952 and were equal to those paid for unmarked timber.

During the year considerable time is spent inspecting woodlands and advising woodland owners on forest management problems prior to marking timber for partial cutting or demonstrating weeding or other forest improvement work.

During June and July many requests were received on forest insects damage. Severe gypsy

damage was suffered in Northern sections of the County. White Pine weevil and bark beetles damage was widespread throughout the County.

The County Forester has had excellent cooperation from public and private organizations, that are involved in promoting and carrying on better forestry practices in the County.

The publicity given the program through lectures, radio broadcast, newspaper articles and exhibits seems to reach quite a few land-owners as indicated by an increase in requests for the services of the Forester.

II. PROBLEM

The problem is to get the farmers and other woodland owners in the County to participate in a program of good forest management so that each acre of woodland will yield a continuous crop of high quality forest products and to correlate the annual timber drain by the local wood using industries with the annual growth of timber on the forests. The County Forestry program should advise and assist the people of Strafford County in solving this problem.

III. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The woodland owners and wood-using industries should be presented with all the available data on the condition of the forests and the marketing of forest products (The annual forest market report put out by the Cooperative Extension Service and the State Forestry and Recreation Commission now furnishes most of the above information).

Demonstration meetings, lectures, radio and press releases can be used to keep the people of Strafford County informed on forestry problems and thus create an interest in good forestry practices.

Besides presenting the people with the facts on the forests and the forest markets, advice and assistance should be given to individual landowners on managing their woodlands. A preliminary examination of the woodlands with the landowners gives him a better idea of his forest problems and how best to handle these problems.

An important step in forest management may be shown to the landowner by the County Forester when he marks trees to be removed during an improvement on partial cutting operation. If the landowner cannot help in the marking operation, he should employ someone who can carry on the marking after being shown by the County Forester.

With the present rate of request for services, the County Forester is unable to do an efficient job in both Belknap and Strafford Counties.

Respectfully submitted,
ROGER LEIGHTON,
County Forester

